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**Colorado Technical University Appoints New Surgical Technology Department Chair**

*Vanessa Benavidez Promoted to Lead Surgical Tech Program at the CTU Pueblo campus*

**Pueblo, Colo. (March 14, 2010)** –[Colorado Technical University](http://www.coloradotech.edu) (CTU), a leading provider of education for career-motivated students, today announced that it has named Vanessa Benavidez as the chair of the surgical technology program at the CTU Pueblo campus. In her new role, Benavidez will oversee all aspects of the surgical technology program, including curriculum development, program assessment and student and faculty staff management.

Prior to becoming the chair, Benavidez was an associate professor of surgical technology at CTU Pueblo since 2008. Prior to becoming a professor, she was a certified surgical technologist at St. Mary-Corwin Medical Center in Pueblo and a clinical specialist at I-Flow Corporation, which focuses on pain management and drug delivery technology.

“Given my academic and professional experience, I’m looking forward to leading the CTU surgical technology program and providing the highest quality education for our students,” said Benavidez. “We’re preparing our students for surgical technology opportunities in the healthcare industry.”

The surgical technology program at the CTU Pueblo campus is designed to provide students with the education, theory and hands-on skills needed to pursue entry-level career opportunities in surgical technology.

Benavidez received a master of business administration in healthcare management from CTU. She also holds a bachelor’s degree in biology from Colorado State University at Pueblo as well as a certificate of surgical technology from Pueblo Community College.

The CTU Pueblo campus offers degrees in the areas of business and management, criminal justice, health sciences and information systems and technology. CTU students can take courses on-campus, online or a combination of the two, providing flexible options that can be easily integrated into students’ busy schedules.

For more information about CTU, visit [www.coloradotech.edu](http://www.coloradotech.edu).



### **About Colorado Technical University**

Founded in 1965, Colorado Technical University (CTU) provides higher education for today's career-focused students and offers students support, flexibility and resources to advance personally and professionally. CTU offers associate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees. CTU campuses include ground schools in Denver, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pueblo, Colo.; Sioux Falls, S.D.; and Kansas City. The school also delivers degree programs 100 percent online via its award-winning virtual campus, which was recognized as "Best of the Best" in the 2009 Computerworld Honors Program. For more information, please visit [www.coloradotech.edu](http://www.coloradotech.edu).

CTU is accredited by The Higher Learning Commission and a member of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. For more info visit [www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org](http://www.ncahigherlearningcommission.org) or call 312-263-0456. CTU is also a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For more information visit [www.careered.com](http://www.careered.com). CTU does not guarantee employment or salary.

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